

March 29, 2004

Exemption No. 6523D
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-9940

Mr. Richard E. Harding
Senior Vice President
Peninsula Airways, Inc., d.b.a. PenAir
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Dear Mr. Harding:

This is in response to your March 9, 2004, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Peninsula Airways, Inc., doing business as PenAir (PenAir), for an extension of Exemption No. 6523, as amended. That exemption from § 121.574(a)(1) and (3) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits the carriage and operation of oxygen storage and dispensing equipment for medical use by patients requiring emergency or continuing medical attention while onboard an aircraft operated by PenAir when the equipment is furnished and maintained by a hospital treating the patient.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to PenAir.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6523, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

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In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated

to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 6523, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its October 31, 2004, termination date to October 31, 2006, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6523, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6523.

Sincerely,

/s/

John M. Allen

Acting Director, Flight Standards Service